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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the second vehicle trim component portion is introduced into the mold assembly by an injection molding process.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the second vehicle trim component portion is introduced into the mold assembly by a low pressure injection molding process.

5 - 6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the textured surface of the first mold portion defines a decorative indicium.

8 - 10. (Cancelled).

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, further including a source of heat for heating the first vehicle trim component portion.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the step of heating the first vehicle trim component portion occurs within the mold assembly.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the second vehicle trim component portion has a generally rigid characteristic for structurally supporting the first vehicle trim component portion.

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14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the first vehicle trim component portion is made of a material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic olefin and vinyl.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the second vehicle trim component portion is made of a material selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, thermoplastic olefin, and acrylonitrile butadiene styrene.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the first vehicle trim component portion comprises a plurality of layers of material.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the first vehicle trim component portion comprises a layer of polypropylene foam and one of a layer of thermoplastic olefin and vinyl.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein one of the first and second vehicle trim component portions includes an adhesive promoter to form a bond between the first and second vehicle trim component portions.

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the second vehicle trim component portion is poured into the mold assembly.

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21. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a vehicle trim component having a surface feature comprising the steps of:
- a. providing a first vehicle trim component portion;
 - b. introducing the first vehicle trim component portion into a mold assembly including a first mold portion having a textured surface and a second mold portion;
 - c. moving the first and second mold portions toward one another so as to cause the mold assembly to preliminarily deform the first vehicle trim component portion to a preliminary shape; and
 - d. subsequently introducing a second vehicle trim component portion into the mold assembly so as to finally deform the first vehicle trim component portion into engagement with the textured surface of the first mold portion to form a vehicle trim component having a surface feature and a final shape.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, including the further step of heating the first vehicle trim component portion prior to step c.